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	Bosnia and Herzegovina	Ms. Čolaković
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	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	Mr. Quarrey
	United States of America	Ms. Anderson

Agenda

Election of a member of the International Court of Justice (S/2010/297, S/2010/298 and S/2010/299)

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The meeting was called to order at 10.20 a.m.

Adoption of the agenda

The agenda was adopted.

Election of a member of the International Court of Justice (S/2010/297, S/2010/298 and S/2010/299)

The President (*spoke in Spanish*): I should like to recall that, at its 6285th meeting, on 18 March 2010, the Security Council adopted resolution 1914 (2010), by which it decided that the election to fill the vacancy in the International Court of Justice should take place on 29 June 2010 at a meeting of the Security Council and at a meeting of the General Assembly at its sixty-fourth session.

This morning, the Security Council and the General Assembly will proceed independently with the election, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Statute of the Court, for the purpose of filling the vacancy that occurred on 28 May 2010 owing to the resignation of Judge, former Vice-President and former President of the International Court of Justice Mr. Shi Jiuyong of China.

The Security Council has before it document S/2010/297, which contains the candidate nominated by national groups of States parties to the Statute of the International Court of Justice, as well as document S/2010/299, which contains the curriculum vitae of the candidate nominated by national groups.

The Security Council also has before it a memorandum by the Secretary-General (S/2010/298) that describes the present composition of the Court and sets out the procedure to be followed in the conduct of the election. Following the deadline for nominations, nominations were also received from the national groups of India and the Slovak Republic.

I should like to remind the Council that, in accordance with Article 10, paragraph 1, of the Statute of the International Court of Justice,

> "Those candidates who obtain an absolute majority of votes in the General Assembly and in the Security Council shall be considered as elected."

The required majority in the Security Council is eight votes.

Article 15 of the Statute of the Court provides that

> "A member of the Court elected to replace a member whose term of office has not expired shall hold office for the remainder of his predecessor's term."

Accordingly, the member elected to fill the remainder of the term left vacant by the resignation of Judge Shi Jiuyong will serve until 5 February 2012.

The Council will now proceed to draw lots to select two delegations to serve as tellers. Obviously, the delegation of China will not be considered to serve as a teller because a candidate of that nationality has been nominated. The delegation of Mexico will also be excluded from serving as a teller because it occupies the presidency of the Council this month.

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The President (*spoke in Spanish*): The names of the delegations of Bosnia and Herzegovina and Gabon have been drawn. I request them to appoint one of their members to serve as tellers.

At the invitation of the President, Ms. Durbuzović (Bosnia and Herzegovina) and Mrs. Onanga (Gabon) acted as tellers.

The President (*spoke in Spanish*): The voting will be held by secret ballot. When we proceed to the vote, members of the Council will receive a ballot paper containing the name of the candidate. Members of the Council will be requested to place an "X" in the box next to the name of the candidate for whom they wish to vote. Votes may be cast only for a candidate whose name appears on the ballot paper.

May I take it that the Council is now ready to proceed with the election of a member of the International Court of Justice?

It is so decided.

I ask the Conference Officer to distribute the ballot papers.

Members of the Council should place an "X" in the box next to the name of the candidate for whom they wish to vote.

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The President (*spoke in Spanish*): All the ballot papers have been collected. The tellers will now count

the ballots. There will be two independent countings of the ballots, one by each teller.

I propose, with the consent of the Council, to suspend this meeting until the ballots are counted. There being no objection, it is so decided.

The meeting was suspended at 10.40 a.m. and resumed at 11 a.m.

The President (*spoke in Spanish*): The result of the voting is as follows:

Number of ballot papers:	15
Number of invalid ballots:	0
Number of abstentions	0
Number of valid ballots:	15
Required majority:	8
Number of votes obtained:	
Xue Hanqin (China)	15

Accordingly, Ms. Xue Hanqin has obtained the required majority of votes in the Security Council.

I shall now send a letter to the President of the General Assembly informing him of the result of the voting in the Security Council.

I request the Council to remain in session while we wait for the President of the General Assembly to inform the Council of the result of the voting in the Assembly.

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The President (*spoke in Spanish*): I should like to inform the members of the Council that I have just received from the Acting President of the General Assembly the following letter:

(*spoke in English*)

> "I have the honour to inform you that, at the 102nd plenary meeting of the General Assembly, held today for the purpose of electing a member of the International Court of Justice, the following candidate obtained an absolute majority of votes in the General Assembly: Ms. Xue Hanqin."

(*spoke in Spanish*)

As both the Security Council and the General Assembly have agreed on the same candidate, Ms. Xue Hanqin has been elected as a member of the International Court of Justice for the remainder of the term of office of Judge Shi Jiuyong, that is, until 5 February 2012. I should like to congratulate her most warmly and to wish her every success in the high office to which she has been elected. I should also like to thank the tellers for their assistance.

The Security Council has thus concluded its business for this meeting.

The meeting rose at 11.05 a.m.